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FOR THE TREATMENT OF

WASTE WATER

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: C. R. Barry

Attorney

Docket No.: 2946

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

For:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2001, please enter the following Amendment.

In The Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A process [and apparatus for treating waste water using a sequencing batch reactor system in conjunction with a membrane filtration device for solids/liquid separation provides a highly efficient method and apparatus] for [the removal of] removing organic contaminants, nutrients and suspended solids from waste